

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: Andrew Mason et al.
 Patent of:

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For: IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL
 RETROVIRUS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIMARY
 SCLEROSING CHOLANGITIS AND
 AUTOIMMUNE HEPATITIS

Attorney Docket No.: 9926-003-999

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
 [37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)] - Nonprofit Organization

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of organization Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation
 Address of organization 1516 Jefferson Highway
New Orleans, LA 70121

Type of organization

University or other institution of higher education
 Tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
 Nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of state of the United States of America
 (Name of state _____)
 (Citation of statute _____)
 Would qualify as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3)) if located in the United States of America.
 Would qualify as nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of state of the United States of America if located in the United States of America
 (Name of state _____)
 (Citation of statute _____)

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled by inventor(s) Andrew Mason described in

the specification filed herewith
 claiming priority to application no. 60/127,347 filed April 1, 1999

patent no. issued

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization identified above and/or there is an obligation under contract or law by the inventor(s) to convey rights to the nonprofit organization identified above with regard to the invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

FULL NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

INDIVIDUAL SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

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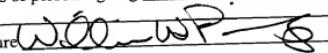
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(37 CFR 1.27)